

SENATE BILL 3106
By Burks

AN ACT to name a segment of U.S. Highway 127 in Cumberland County in honor of the late Senator Raymond Shadden.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Senator Raymond Shadden, a former member of both houses of the General Assembly who had also served with distinction as the Mayor of Crossville; and

WHEREAS, Senator Raymond Shadden was a dedicated and proficient legislator who represented his constituency in the 12th Senatorial District with the utmost ability, probity, and integrity during the 85th-89th General Assemblies (1967-1977); he had previously served in the House of Representatives during the 77th General Assembly (1951,52); and

WHEREAS, Raymond Shadden was truly a man of the people; he was as friendly to and respectful of his constituents as he was of his colleagues, and his commitment to the health and prosperity of his fellow citizens was truly exemplary; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who had earned the universal respect and affection of his colleagues and others involved in the legislative process, Senator Shadden chose to work alongside all members of the legislature in order to create a better State in which to live, work, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, even today, the memory of the deeply held friendship that Senator Shadden shared with his colleagues in the General Assembly and elsewhere is cherished by those who knew and loved him; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Shadden began his brilliant career in public service by serving four years in the military during World War II; and

WHEREAS, an astute businessman, Mr. Shadden, throughout all his dealings, demonstrated his stalwart commitment to his many customers at Shadden Tire; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Shadden was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Crossville as their Mayor from 1961-1965; and

WHEREAS, after spearheading numerous civic improvement projects as Mayor of Crossville, Raymond Shadden later played an instrumental role in the extension and expansion of U.S. Highway 127 from downtown Crossville to Interstate 40 during his distinguished tenure in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, when Interstate Highway 40 was designed and built, the plan initially called for U.S. Highway 127 to provide only two (2) lanes of access into the City of Crossville from Exit 317, the total route being 6.46 miles; and

WHEREAS, through Senator Shadden's diligence and long-term vision, the initial design was expanded to four (4) lanes, with a median also being constructed along 5.38 miles of the route, thus providing Cumberland County businesses with convenient access to Interstate 40 and expanding the county's opportunities for economic and community development and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Commission has petitioned this body to name the aforementioned 6.46 mile segment of U.S. Highway 127 in honor of the late Senator Raymond Shadden to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, that 6.46 mile segment of U.S. Highway 127 (also designated as "Veterans Highway") from its intersection with Neecham Street within the corporate limits of the city of Crossville, Cumberland County to its intersection with Interstate Highway 40 at Exit 317 is hereby designated the "Raymond Shadden Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant, astute businessman, and even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such 6.46 mile segment of U.S. Highway 127 in Cumberland County as the "Raymond Shadden Memorial Highway."

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on *Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. The appellation "Raymond Shadden Memorial Highway" provided for in this act is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality, or other governmental entity affected by this act.

SECTION 7. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of, or bridges on, U.S. Highway 127 described in Section 1 of this act as the "Raymond Shadden Memorial Highway".

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.